

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

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Mr. Max B. Dupont
1870 Jefferson Street #204
San Francisco, California 94123

Dear Mr. Dupont:

Thank you for your letter of October 22, 1995 articulating the benefits of your Tree-Saver residential paper bundler. In your letter you expressed concern over the lack of uniformity in collection programs that exists from city to city and suggested that the use of your product (and future products) could lead to collection efficiencies. Your letter also seemed to request that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) endorse your product and that through an endorsement, the use of your product would help standardize collection programs across the country.

Let me start by saying that your product is innovative. The EPA, however, does not make it a practice to endorse or promote products of any kind, nor can we require recycling programs to use specific equipment in their operations. The management of municipal solid waste is under the purview of state and local authorities since the types and extent of waste management concerns vary from region to region. Currently, EPA does not have the authority under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) to establish regulations or mandate program requirements for recycling.

You may wish to consider exhibiting your product at any number of state and/or national recycling or public works conventions held annually. For more information and schedules for conventions being held in the upcoming year, you may wish to contact the following organizations:

CA Resource Recovery Association
4395 Gold Trail Way
Loomis, CA 95659-8901
(916) 652-4450;

National Recycling Coalition
1727 King Street, Suite 105
Alexandria, VA 22314-2720
(703) 683-9025; and

Faxback 11977

American Public Works Association
Institute for Solid Wastes
106 West 11th Street
Kansas City, MO 64105-1806
(816) 472-6100

I appreciate you sharing your information with us and I hope this information is helpful to you.

Sincerely yours,

Michael Shapiro, Director
Office of Solid Waste